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SUBJECT: GROMYKO'S HEALTH

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION TODAY, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN INSTITUTE AND SON OF FOREIGN MINISTER, ANATOLY GROMYKO, VOLUNTEERED TO DCM THAT HIS FATHER IS "RESTING" AND WILL RETURN TO WORK IN APRIL. HE SAID THAT GROMYKO IS MERELY TAKING A "WINTER VACATION" AND THAT HE ASSUMED GROMYKO WOULD ATTEND SSOD IN NEW YORK. WHEN ASKED WHETHER GROMYKO WAS STILL "VACATIONING" WHEN HE MET ARAFAT MARCH 9 (MOSCOW 4259), YOUNG GROMYKO SAID THAT HIS FATHER HAD INTERRUPTED HIS VACATION "BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SEE THAT PARTICULAR VISITOR."
2. CONTRARY TO ANATOLY'S ASSURANCES THAT ONLY A VACATION IS INVOLVED, MRS. GROMYKO TOLD MRS. TOON MARCH 6 THAT GROMYKO HAD NOT BEEN WELL, BUT IS RECOVERING. TOON

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